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SUBJ: LOS: COMMITTEE I, AUGUST 20 AND 21

1. COMMITTEE I (C-1) HELD FORMAL SESSIONS BOTH AUGUST 20 AND 21. PURPOSE OF AUGUST 20 MEETING WAS TO COMPLETE LIST OF SPEAKERS ON CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. JAPAN COMMENCED SESSION WITH INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION. JAPANESE DRAFT IS SIMILAR IN APPROACH TO BOTH US AND 8-POWER DRAFTS, ALTHOUGH IT USES TERM QTE LEGAL CONTRACT UNQTE AS SUBSTITUTE FOR MORE NEUTRAL QTE LEGAL ARRANGMENTS. UNQTE

2. IN INTERESTING INTERVENTION, CHANAN REP COMPARED IN DETAIL US AND 8-POWER DRAFTS, CONCLUDING THAT DOCUMENTS CONTAIN TOO MUCH DETAIL FOR INCLUSION IN TREATY. HOWEVER, HIS SPECIFIC COMMENTS SEEMED TO INDICATE SLIGHT PREFERENCE FOR US DRAFT, PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS CONCERNING FOREITURE AND SUSPENSION
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3. PROCEDURAL DEBATE ON PREVIOUS C-I DECISION TO ESTABLISH NEGOTIATING GROUP (NG) OCCUPIED REMAINDER OF AUGUST 20 MEETING AND ENTIRE SESSION ON AUGUST 21. CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED BY CHAIRMAN HAD FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF NG. MAJOR OBSTACLE WAS OBTAINING ACCEPTANCE BY WEO GROUP OF LIMITED DESIGNATED MEMBERSHIP, EVEN THOUGH NG WAS TO BE OPEN-ENDED. IN ADDITION, MANY DELS EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT OTHER DELS TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF. FINAL COMPROMISE WAS TO DESIGNATE FIFTY MEMBERS (NINE FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUP PLUS US, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, REP FROM GROUP OF 77 AND REP FROM EC).

4. OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES CONCERNING FORMATION OF NG WERE FOLLOWING: A) MANDATE-SOME DELS ARGUED THAT NG SHOULD ONLY DEAL WITH ARTICLE 9, BUT C-I CONFIRMED ITS EARLIER DECISION FOR MANDATE INCLUDING REGIME ARTICLES, PARTICULARLY ARTICLE 9 AND CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION: B) DURATION-WHILE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT NG SHOULD BE DISSOLVED AT END OF CARACAS SESSION, C-I AGREED NG SHOULD HAVE OPEN-ENDED DURATION: C) INTERSESSIONAL MEETING-C-I AGREED THAT NG WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY MEET INTERSESSIONALLY BUT INDIVIDUAL DEALS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO MEET ON UNOFFICIAL BASIS: D) VOTING IN NG-C-I ESTABLISHED NG AS OFFICIAL SUBSIDIARY BODY, BUT ADOPTED QTE GENELEMAN'S AGREEMENT UNQTE THAT VOTING IN NG SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

5. C-I WILL CONVENE LAST FORMAL MEETING AUGUST 27. C-I'S REPORT WILL BE FACTUAL, NONSUBSTANTIVE SUBMISSION OF BASIC DOCUMENTS UTILIZED DURING CARACAS SESSION.
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